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LETTER DATED 29 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the annexed letter dated today from H.E. Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
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Annex

Letter dated 29 August 1995 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon our departure from Sarajevo to Paris in response to the invitation of the President of the Republic of France and in order to engage in the peace process, the Serb aggressor committed, once more, a horrendous massacre in the city. The bombardment of Sarajevo was a deliberate targeting of civilians, causing a great number of casualties.

We have waited yesterday and all of today for a response by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the rapid reaction force to the attacks of the aggressor. Unfortunately, to our great sadness and disbelief, no response has come. That is the reason why our delegation has decided to suspend the negotiations until the Serb artillery that is around the city of Sarajevo has been destroyed, within a radius of 20 kilometres, which constitutes the exclusion zone decided on by the international community.

We hope you will understand our decision, as the Serb artillery positions around Sarajevo have no other aim than the killing of innocent civilians. The Serb artillery is responsible for the death of more than 10,000 inhabitants of Sarajevo, including more than 1,500 children.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC